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This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office communication dated May 19, 2004 to comply the claims with the new amendment format.